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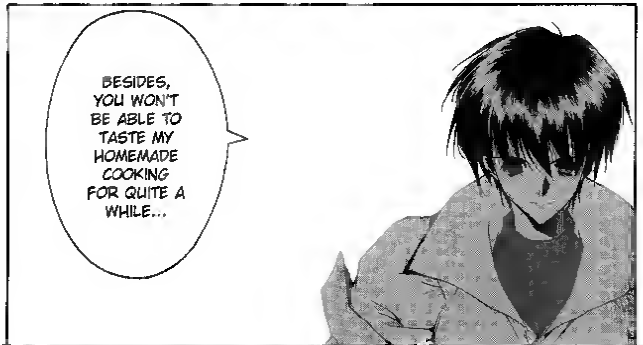
CHAPTER 3: SIGNAL OF A JOURNEY

BAATS
UWAAHH!!
PANT PANT
What was that...
Huh? Wher did I fall asleep?

SEX WHAAACK

SHE MUST BE EVEN ANGRIER NOW
PUNTS
BUT TODAY, I WILL MAKE SURE THAT SHE UNDERSTANDS MY INTENTION !!
Ah, that's right It was already really late when I got home last night.
And Mother was totally against it when I said I want to go on a Journey...

TA-DAAA
HEY! HURRY UP AND EAT BEFORE IT GETS COLD!
EH. RI-RIGHT OKAY


BESIDES, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO TASTE MY HOMEMADE COOKING FOR QUITE A WHILE...

KYLE... SOMEHOW, I CAN UNDERSTAND YOUR INTENTION OF GOING ON A JOURNEY
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE HIS SON.
ALSO, RIGHT BEFORE HE... RIGHT BEFORE STAN LEFT THIS PLACE AND STARTED HIS JOURNEY, HE HAD ASKED ME FOR THAT.
..WHA !?
Father did?!?
GAT
AA
WHEN YOU HAD SET YOUR MIND ON BEGINNING YOUR OWN JOURNEY... WHEN THAT TIME CAME, HE WANTED ME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING.
GO AND FIND THE THING THAT IS IRREPLACEABLE TO YOU.

SOME... 'SOMETHING IRREPLACE-ABLE'?
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MOTHER ...
HOW I SHOULD SEE YOU OFF.
I HAVE NO IDEA HOW I SHOULD -
RI-RIGHT NOW_ I HAVE NO IDEA_

GO AND HAVE FUN!!
SFX: WHAMMOK
BE CAREFUL KYLE!
WELL THEN, I'LL BE ON MY WAY!
DO YOUR BEST!
CRINK
THIS IS!?
THAT'S THE MONEY SENT TO YOU BY YOUR LONG LEGGED UNCLE, ADDRESSED TO THE ORPHANAGE, ALONG WITH MY MOTHERLY LOVE.
CRi
!?
INK

OKAY!!
TAKE IT!!
SO, SHE KNEW IT ....
...BUT MOTHER... THIS IS..
IT'S MY FAREWELL GIFT. KEEP IT SAFE.

THE WIND IS BLOWING QUITE NICELY TODAY.
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO GO AFTER THAT LENS GIRL?
OF COURSE !!
HE HE HE! ALRIGHT! THEN THAT LEAVES US TO FIND OUT WHERE SHE'S HEADING.
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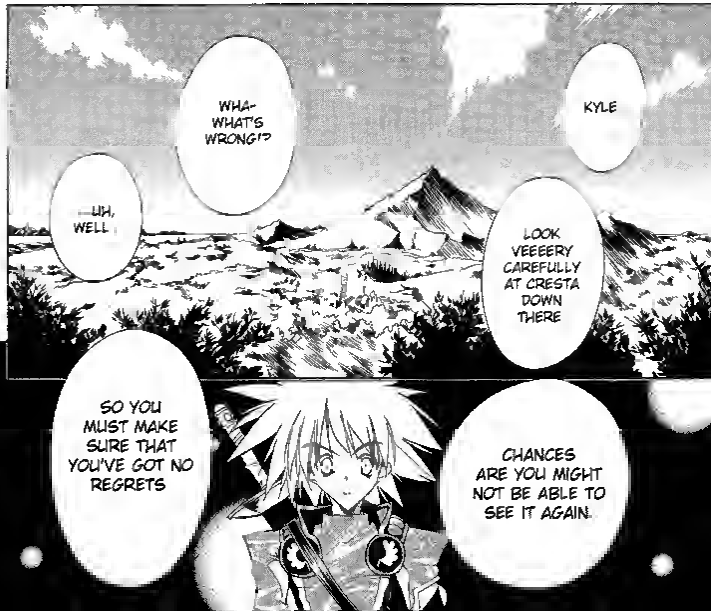
SORRY, LON! I HAVE NO REAL EVIDENCE OF THIS..
BUT I HAVE THE FEELING THAT I WILL GET THE ADVENTURE I NEED TO BE A HERO BY GOING AFTER HER.

LISTEN UP. I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THIS, BUT BASED ON WHAT SHE SAID ABOUT SEARCHING FOR THE HEROES ...
THEN, THE ONES SHE MEANT MUST BE THE FOUR HEROES THAT SAVED THIS WORLD FROM DESTRUCTION, AND RIGHT NOW, SHE MUST BE LOOKING FOR THEM.
BUT WITH YOUR FATHER, STAN-SAN, MISSING, AND IT SEEMS LIKE SHE HAS NO INTENTION OF GOING TO RUTEE-SAN'S PLACE, THEN WE CAN ELIMINATE THAT POSSIBILITY AS WELL.
IF SHE IS GOING SOMEWHERE, IT MUST BE TO THE GREAT SHRINE OF STRAYLIZE WHERE HIGH PRIESTESS PHILIA-SAN RESIDES.
OR TO HEIDELBURG CASTLE, THE HOME OF WISE KING WOODROW.

YOU GOT IT!
NOW THAT WE HAVE DECIDED WHERE TO GO. .

ZAAASH

IF THAT'S THE CASE, IT WILL BE EASIER, RIGHT?
OH, I SEE! EITHER WAY, SHE WILL PASS AIGRETTE, EH?


KYLE
WHA- WHAT'S WRONG!?
...UH, WELL
LOOK VEEEERY CAREFULLY AT CRESTA DOWN THERE
SO YOU MUST MAKE SURE THAT YOU'VE GOT NO REGRETS
CHANCES ARE YOU MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SEE IT AGAIN.

HUMPH
?...
That you'll encounter many dangers...
That's right Being on a journey means...
I WILL...
I WILL BECOME A HERO AND RETURN FOR SURE!!
Don't scream out loud all of a sudden, jeez.
KI-NG
Fuuh
ugh
he he.. Looks like this'll be fun.
ALRIGHT! NOW, I HAVE NO REGRETS!!
.....

YOU LIKE GIRLS RIGHT? WHILE WE'RE STILL HERE, WHY DON'T YOU GO AND CONFESS TO THE ONE YOU LIKE?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, LONI? DO YOU HAVE ANY REGRETS?
AH HA HA! HOW DO YOU THINK I'VE SPENT MY TIME IN THAT TOWN, HUH?
I HAVE HAD ALL THE TIME I WANT WITH EVERY GIRL THERE!!
WA HA HA!! I'M GOING TO LIVE FOR MY NEW LOVE!!
LET US NOW DEPART TO AIGRETTE ~~!!
BE
ETS!!

OHHO!? IT IS VERY RARE FOR A GIRL TO CROSS THAT BRIDGE..
OH!!
HOY! IT'S DANGEROUS!! THERE'S A MONSTER RIGHT BEHIND YOU!!
SFX: KAAATS
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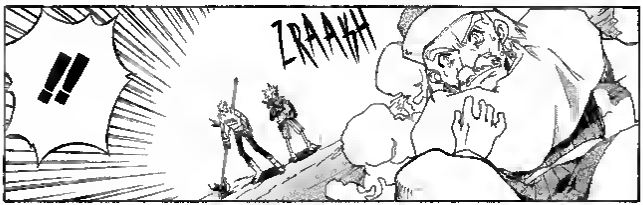
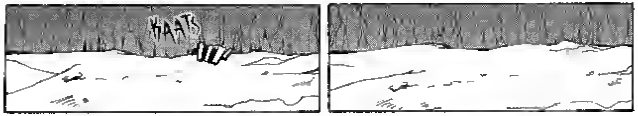
SFX DOOOOMMM



DASH
AH! HEY! WAIT UP, OLD MAN!!
HE HEEE EELLLPPP ~~!!!
BUT TO GET PAST THESE CLIFFS WITH OUR OWN MIGHT
AAH!! THE BRIDGE HAS COLLAPSED !!
WHAT THE ..!?
THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO PASS THESE CLIFFS OTHER THAN BY USING THIS BRIDGE.
HMM..
THEN, WE HAVE NO CHOICE...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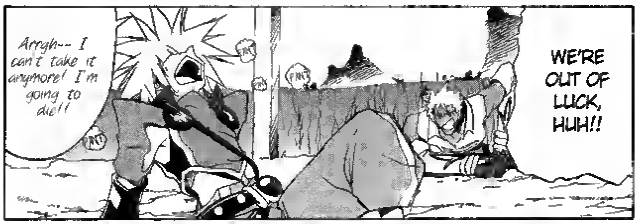
Arrgh-- I can't take it anymore! I'm going to die!!
WE'RE OUT OF LUCK, HUH!!

GRSSK
GRSSK
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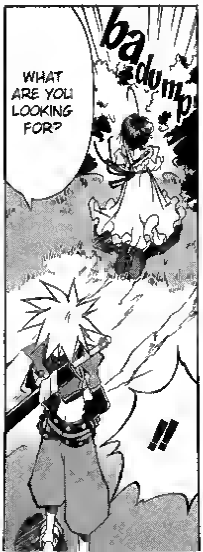
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
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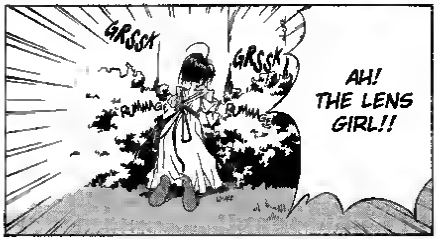
GRSSK
GRSSK
RUNNING
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AH! THE LENS GIRL!!

Is she looking for something?
I WONDER WHERE SHE'S FROM? SHE'S SO CUTE! I HOPE SHE'LL COME AGAIN SOMEDAY!!
...?

!?
SHE... SHE IS CRYING !?
WIPE WIPE
DID YOU LOSE SOMETHING IMPORTANT?
WH WHAT!? PLEASE, DON'T MIND ME.
AH..
SO, YOU LOST YOUR PENDANT, RIGHT?
HOO~~YY, KYLE!! I FOUND THAT GIRL'S PENDANT ON THE CLIFF FACE... EH
AH!!

THAT'S IT ON THAT TREE DOWN THERE, RIGHT?
YE-YES.
THEN, I'LL BE BACK IN A SEC
I'LL GET IT BACK FOR YOU IN NO TIME JUST WAIT A LITTLE BIT.
HE HEY! YOU JUST CLIMBED UP FROM HERE EARLIER! DON'T FORCE YOURSELF!
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WHY IS HE... FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME THAT HE'S NEVER EVEN MET BEFORE...
WHY IS HE DOING THIS FOR ME?
DON'T BE SO CONCEITED, YOUNG LADY.
IT'S NOT BECAUSE OF YOU.
HE'S JUST THE TYPE OF GUY WHO WOULDN'T ABANDON ANYONE IN TROUBLE

WATCH ...
GAAS
UWAAH !!
WATCH OUT !!
SFX. GAUTS
SFX. BRUUUSK
Glekh
.....
FYUUUH! I GOT A COLD SWEAT BECAUSE OF YOU JUST NOW...

NO MORE! I DEFINITELY CAN'T MAKE IT IF I HAVE TO DO THAT AGAIN!!
SFX PATAAA!!
NO... NO BIG DEAL! FOR A HERO, THIS IS A PIECE OF CAKE!!
E HE HE HE. WITH THIS, I'M ONE STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING A HERO.
THANK YOU.
HEY HEY, AREN'T YOU GOING TO THANK HIM?
AH!

FUUH
I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP IN FINDING MY PENDANT FOR ME.
AHAHAHAHA
GREAT HERO KYLE, HE EVEN LENT HIS HAND TO HELP A HELPLESS YOUNG GIRL TRYING TO FIND HER LOST PENDANT!!
Just kidding
BUT, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM HAVING ANYTHING FURTHER TO DO WITH ME
EXCUSE ME
EH? AH! WAIT! YOU! WAIT A MINUTE!!
.....
CT
WHAT'S WITH THE ATTITUDE!? ISN'T IT A BIT MUCH!?

HEY, KYLE... EVEN IF YOU'RE GOING AFTER THAT KIND OF GIRL...
...UH, WELL... I GUESS I THINK TOO MUCH.
Come to think of it...
That old man did say something about a girl and a monster on the bridge.
SO, THAT LENS GIRL IS THE ONE WHO MADE THAT BRIDGE FALL!?
SHE COULDN'T EVEN FIND HER PENDANT THAT SHE DROPPED, LET ALONE BRINGING THAT BRIDGE DOWN ON HER OWN!
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Lori!! Hurry up!!

HIIII~~!! THA-THAT'S CORRECT! THE HERO, PHILIA PHILIS-SAMA IS...
KARA KARA
SHE IS IN THE GREAT SHRINE OF STRAYLIZE !!
...IS THAT TRUE ?
IT'S TRUE!! IT'S THE TRUTH! SO, PLEASE SPARE...
SFX: CRAAACK
ME..!!
OH DEAR. FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME TO HAVE SLIPPED MY HAND...
THOUGH I STILL HAVE ONE QUESTION LEFT FOR HIM
SFX: BRUUSH

KHU KHU KHU KHU ..
CAN THAT PERSON QUENCH MY THIRST?
WELL... I'LL FIND OUT ONCE I MEET THAT PERSON DIRECTLY.